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good, considering the unsanitary condition of the place. Smallpox exists to some extent in the surrounding country, but no accurate statistics can be obtained. About forty cases of leprosy exist in Panama, and many cases of beri-beri and elephantiasis. Whooping cough is also mildly epidemic. There were 3 deaths from yellow fever in the city hospital, all in men who had come to Panama from interior points of Colombia.

One vessel cleared for the United States, going to San Francisco via Mexican ports, taking three weeks to make the voyage. Sixty-five officers and crew, 10 cabin passengers, and 15 steerage passengers were inspected and passed.

Week ended January 24:

During the week there were 25 deaths from all causes, 2 being from dysentery, 2 from beriberi, and 4 from tuberculosis:

No yellow fever or other quarantinable disease has been reported and no cases have occurred in the city or Canal Company hospitals.

One vessel cleared for San Francisco, the crew and passengers being inspected before departure. Officers and crew on board, 60; cabin passengers, 10; steerage passengers, 36.

PERSIA.

Precautions against importation of cholera from Turkish Arabia.

The following is received through the United States minister at Teheran, under date of December 29, 1903:

SIR: I beg to bring to your notice the report of an outbreak of cholera in Turkish Arabia, and to inform you that the Persian Government has prohibited the departure of pilgrims and the transport of dead bodies to the holy places in Turkish territory.

Quarantine stations will be established at Kasr-i-Shireen, Mohammerah, and other necessary points on the Turkish-Persian frontier, and the regulations usual under such circumstances will be carried out.

Travelers desirous of entering Persia from the infected area will be called upon to submit to the enforcement of the strict rules provided for the proper discharge of the duties at each station.

This intelligence is communicated for your excellency's information.

MUSHIR-ED-DOWLAH,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Hon. RICHMOND PEARSON,
Minister of the United States.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Cholera and plague in Manila—Cholera in the provincial towns.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, December 17, as follows: The number of quarantinable diseases reported in Manila during the week ended December 12, 1903, is as follows:

| | Cases. | Deaths. |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| Cholera | 2 | 2 |
| Plague | 1 | 1 |